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SUBJECT: GROMYKO TO VISIT BELGIUM, OCTOBER 5-7, 1976

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY CHIEF OF EAST EUROPEAN AFFAIRS (REUSENS) TOLD US THAT SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO PLANS TO VISIT BELGIUM IN OCTOBER, ARRIVING OCT 5 AND DEPARTING OCT 7. GROMYKO'S VISIT IS TO REPAY THE VISIT PAID BY THE KING AND PRIME MINISTER TO THE USSR IN 1975. FINAL DETAILS ARE BEING WORKED OUT AND VISIT HAS NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY.

2. REUSENS SAID THAT THERE IS LITTLE OF A BILATERAL NATURE ON THE TENTATIVE AGENDA. BELGIANS AND SOVIETS WILL SIGN A PROTOCOL PERMITTING SOVIETS TO OPEN A CONSULATE GENERAL IN ANTWERP (SEPTEL).

3. BELGIANS EXPECT GROMYKO'S VISIT TO BE LARGELY A FORMALITY. WITHIN THAT FRAMEWORK, BELGIANS EXPECT MAIN SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE FOR DISCUSSION WILL BE CSCE FOLLOWUP, BUT EXPECT TO LEARN NOTHING NEW IN THIS REGARD. BELGIANS BELIEVE SOVIET POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN MADE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO THEM BY IDENTICAL PRESENTATIONS BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER
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